SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: We are not supplying, we are meeting our own demands.

Dukwan Hydel Scheme on Betwa River

*344. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:†

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Uttar Pradesh has proposed a purely hydro electric scheme called Dukwan Hydel Scheme on Betwa river; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed scheme and what are its likely benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Dukwan H.E. Project (3x7.5 MW) envisaging construction of a power house at the toe of the existing dam across the Betwa river (built in 1910) to utilise the regulated releases from existing Matatila and Dhukwan reservoirs was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission in August, 1965 in the State sector. The project was, however, not taken up due to financial constraints No fresh proposal/revised project report for taking up the scheme has been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the State Government.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: The Minister in his reply has said that no fresh proposal/revised project report for taking up the scheme has been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the State Government of U.P. Does this indicate that the UP Government has lost interest in the project? What is their latest communication in this regard?

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Respected Chairman, Sir, in 1965 the UP Government recommended the construction of this project. The Central Electricity Authority gave the techno-economic clearance. The Planning Commission also approved it. But because of financial constraints, this project was not taken up for construction. Now it is 1989 and revised estimates have to be...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Serious problems to Plastic Units in Orissa

*345. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plastic units in Orissa are facing serious problems for want of raw materials;

(b) whether the problem would be resolved if a plastic depot is set up at Paradeep;

(c) whether Government of Orissa had sent a proposal in this regard to the Central Government; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) At present the overall domestic availability of plastic raw materials is not adequate to meet the requirements of plastic processing units in the country, including Orissa.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa for setting up of facilities for storage and handling of petro-chemical intermediates at Paradeep Port. A Committee has been set up to examine the proposal.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Veena Verma.